

Somers Cultural Commission
Minutes of October 8, 2015 Meeting

Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM Meeting was deferred to Thursday Oct 8 to comply with meeting posting notice requirements.

Present: , J. Reed, J. Batchelor, K. Hutton, J. Hutton, K. Worcester, P. Jones, S. Grabierz,

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Not available

Correspondence: letter received last month from Broadcast Music Inc referencing licensing -requires no action on our part..

New Business .

Art Show:

A huge success with visitors commenting on the quality of art work we continue to attract. Estimate of 200+ people attended the Art Show. Artists would like to see Sandy Wakeen back as Juror. Suggestion was made to have Certificates available for those artists receiving an award. This will be pursued for next years show. Thank you note sent to Colonial Flower Shoppe for the loan of plants to decorate the hall.

Piedmont Coffeehouse:

First performance is scheduled for October 11 & everything on schedule. Given a large group is expected for this performance, request was sent to DPW asking for additional chairs.

Second concert scheduled for November 8. A. Levesque will be coordinating the remaining concerts. She would appreciate assistance in getting refreshments for this event.

Photography Show:

J. Batchelor will initiate a preliminary meeting in the next two weeks. Committee members include P. Jones, G. Lockwood, J. Reed & S. Grabierz.

K. Hutton will convert the existing Art Show and Photography Show applications to Word documents so other committee members can access. Documents will be moved to the Drop Box.

There was some discussion on what the Jurors are paid for their participation. Photography show jurors usually don't receive a payment & they volunteer their time.

Review of By-Laws:

The By-Laws were reviewed. There was some question as to whether the By-Laws should reflect requirements to be a Commission member. K. Hutton will draft a proposal for review at the November meeting. The proposal would amend the By-Laws to reference BOS requirements to be a Cultural Commission Board Member.

Election of Officers:

This must occur at the November meeting. Key positions at this time are Chair/Vice Chair or Co-Chairs.

Members were asked to think about potential candidates to fill the 4 the open positions that will occur at the end of the year.

Questions/concerns/issues:

S. Grabierz agreed to be the Liaison between the Commission and DPW. Any activity needing DPW assistance should be forwarded to her.

J. Batchelor donated a lock box for Piedmont Hall. Thank you. This has made such a big difference to those members who need to access the Hall during off hours/weekends.

The Drop Box is now our official location for storing all Commission documents. K. Hutton has updated the system to include access for all Commission members. S. Grabierz will assume owner responsibilities on January 1, 2016.

Adjournment: J. Batchelor moved that we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by J. Reed.. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2015 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Grabierz